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1. So much of the testing and maintenance equipment of the former "Reichspost-zentralamt" has been removed by the Soviets that the "Zentralverwaltung Post" is unable to undertake all the work necessary to maintain postal/telegraphic communications in a satisfactory condition.

2. It was, for instance, impossible to arrange for the usual calibration and measuring tests when the newly created Schwarzin transmitter was taken over. Even Telefunken, the builders of the transmitter, were only equipped with improvised calibration instruments, for the accuracy of which no guarantee could be given.

3. Lorenz and Siemens & Halske are said to be in an even worse state than Telefunken.

4. High officials of SMA headquarters have now agreed that removal of such vital equipment as the calibration instruments referred to above has been overdone in the Russian Zone of Germany, and that as a result it has been impossible to set up efficient telephonic links between Berlin and Warsaw and Prague which lines had been authorized by the SMA. 50X1-HUM

5. Realizing that efficient communications in the Zone cannot be maintained without a minimum of suitable instruments and apparatus, the Russians have ordered certain equipment, previously removed, to be returned from the USSR. Equipment thus returned is usually in poor condition and therefore not very helpful.

6. In recent weeks, Soviet officers controlling postal communications have been replaced by more capable personnel with good technical abilities. These new officials also seem to be well-trained politically and are doing their utmost to convince their German colleagues that "Anschluss" to the East alone is the key to Germany's ultimate prosperity.

7. The "Zentralverwaltung Post" is reckoning with the removal of further bomber stations, wireless and telegraph transmitters during the course of the next two months. Rheinsberg and Kleinau have been mentioned in this connection. The SMA has, however, agreed to furnish funds and materials to enable the construction of new installations to replace dismantled equipment.

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8. The SMA, via the "Zentralverwaltung Post" has instructed technical colleagues in the Russian Zone and the P.O.R. in Weida/Thuringia to prepare designs, drawings and instructions on telecommunications equipment and electro-technical apparatus for the provision of instruction material with which to train engineers and fitters in their installation and use. Particular importance is to be paid to "the compilation of data from manufacturing and operation experience and to scientific methods and technique."

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